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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 March 2009.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
 6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Applicant's response of March 11, 2009 has been fully considered. Claims 1-4 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kanji et al. (US 2002/0114773).

Regarding claim 1, Kanji et al. teaches a composition containing at least one film forming silicone resin chosen from siloxysilicates (MQ resins) and silsesquioxanes (¶54). Kanji et al. states that as used in the specification, the expression "at least one" means one or more and thus includes individual components as well as mixtures and combinations (¶1). By this definition, Kanji et al. teaches that the silicone resin of the composition could be comprised of two resins, a siloxysilicate and a silsesquioxane.

Siloxysilicates (the MQ resin) used in the composition are exemplified by trimethylsiloxysilicates, which are represented by the following formula: $[(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{Si}—\text{O}]_x—(\text{SiO}_{4/2})_y$ (MQ units) where x and y can have values ranging from 50 to 80 (¶64). A siloxysilicate may also be chosen from any combination of M and Q units, such as, for example, $[(\text{R})_3\text{Si}—\text{O}]_x—(\text{SiO}_{4/2})_y$, where R is chosen from a methyl group and longer carbon chains (¶64). The entire resin can be made of MQ units giving at least 80 mole % of them.

Silsesquioxanes used in the composition are represented by the following formula: $(\text{CH}_3\text{SiO}_{3/2})_x$ where x has a value of up to several thousand and the CH_3 may be replaced (¶65) by a longer carbon chain such as an ethane, propane, or butane (¶63), therefore teaching the claimed propyl Silsesquioxane resin. All of the CH_3 groups could be replaced with propane giving at least 40 mole % of the substituted groups being propyl. Additionally, the entire resin can be made of $(\text{CH}_3\text{SiO}_{3/2})_x$ units giving at least 80 mole % of them.

Kanji et al. additionally teaches the presence of volatile siloxanes in the composition (¶96).

Kanji et al. does not teach that the weight ratio of two resins in a mixture is from 1:99 to 99:1. However, at the time of the invention, a person of ordinary skill in the art would have mixed the resins within this ratio because this ratio simply teaches the presence of two resins in the composition.

Kanji et al. does not teach the specific combination of the above resins in the resin composition. However, at the time of the invention, a person of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to pick these two types of film-forming resins and combine them as part of a composition because they each bring different properties to the composition (i.e., the MQ resins are typically harder while the silsesquioxanes are generally continuous and flexible) and combining them can help maximize transfer resistant properties as well as pliability, softness and wearing comfort of the composition.

Regarding claims 2-4, Kanji et al. additionally teaches personal care products such as cosmetics and hair care products (¶12).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed March 11, 2009 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicants argue that although a person of ordinary skill in the art may have been motivated to combine an MQ resin and a silsesquioxane, that they would have tried to combine a MQ resin with a T methyl resin and not a T propyl resin because resins containing similar groups would be more compatible. Moreover, Applicants argue that since the combination of the methyl group resins is incompatible, as allegedly evidenced by Table 2 of the instant specification, that one of ordinary skill would not be motivated to try to combine resins with one being a T propyl resin. This argument is found unpersuasive.

Kanji et al. teaches that a combination of resins may be used and teaches a few different resins such as trimethylsiloxy silicate as the MQ resin and T methyl, ethyl, propyl, and butyl resins. Due to this teaching, one of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to try any one of those combinations, regardless of the similar group reasoning argued by the Applicants. Additionally, with respect to the showing in Table 2 that MQ resins are incompatible with T methyl resins, Table 2 shows that a combination of a MQ resin with a DT methyl resin provides

a composition which is hazy and brittle. A DT methyl resin is different from a T methyl resin and therefore it is not clear whether the combination of a MQ resin with a T methyl resin is incompatible. Furthermore, even if the incompatibility exists and that was the first combination one of ordinary skill in the art tried, because of the teaching in Kanji et al., one of ordinary skill would not have necessarily stopped at the MQ resin/T methyl resin combination.

Correspondence

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Angela C. Scott whose telephone number is (571) 270-3303. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 5:00pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Eashoo can be reached on (571) 272-1197. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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